The Rabobank Agri-food Scholarship 2017-18

Who can apply?
The Rabobank Scholarship will be awarded to one first year BSc student at Harper Adams University studying for an undergraduate degree in the following courses: All Agriculture related courses, Agri-business BSc (Hons) or Agri-food Marketing with Business Studies BSc (Hons).

The Scholarship
The successful Scholarship recipient will receive an award valued at £9,000 for years 2 & 4. In their third year, the scholar will be required to undertake a 12 month placement with Marks & Spencer, the industry partner, working in association with Rabobank. Please note: the choice of placement provider is non-negotiable and failure to undertake a placement with Marks & Spencer will result in the withdrawal of the Scholarship and the scholar will be required to repay the Rabobank Scholarship awarded.

Harper Adams University, in association with Rabobank and Marks & Spencer, reserves the right to withdraw the scholarship if satisfactory academic progress is not maintained and/or there is a breakdown in the relationship between the parties and the scholar.

The successful scholar will receive:
- £9,000 for years 2 and 4 at Harper Adams University (payable in years, 2 and 4. Year 3 is the placement year where the chosen scholar will undertake paid employment with Marks & Spencer).

NB: The scholar must remain registered as a full time student at Harper Adams; he/she must pass all modules of study during the continuation of their scholarship and he/she must submit at least one written report annually to the Chairman of the HAU Development Trust.

The recipient must be of good academic standing. This is a competitive award and will be evaluated on the merit of the applicant and his/her application and interview. The decision of the Scholarship Panel is FINAL.

Application Process:
1. Please answer the following questions in your covering letter:
   - Why have you selected to study your chosen course?
   - What are your long term career aspirations?
   - Why are you interested in applying for this award?

2. Separately, please include a full CV with your application. Please note that the scholarship panel will also have access to the information you have provided to Harper Adams University on your UCAS application form.

Interviews will take place at Marks & Spencer plc on Tuesday 26 September 2017
Waterside House, London W2 1NW.

Interviewees will be required to prepare a 10 minute presentation based on the following topic to be given at interview: In light of the contentious issues with differentials in high street prices and prices to producers, what can M&S do to maintain or strengthen their relationship with suppliers?

Please be aware that an alternative interview date cannot be arranged!
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Please return your completed application and CV to:
Renée Gallina-Morris, The Development Trust, M48, Harper Adams University, Newport, Shropshire
TF10 8NB, UK

We regret that no late applications can be accepted.

Rabobank/Marks & Spencer reserve the right to withdraw their scholarship at any time should they feel this action is required. The decision of the Rabobank/Marks & Spencer Scholarship Panel, regarding the award of the scholarship, is final.

In the event that Rabobank/Marks & Spencer requests UCAS and/or academic information to assess your application, your authorisation and signature is required. Please indicate this below.

I authorise HAU to provide UCAS/academic information to Rabobank/Marks & Spencer

Full Name………………………………………………. Student ID………………………………………………
Course Title……………………………………………. Signature………………………………………………

Deadline for submission of applications is: 12pm noon on Thursday 29 June 2017